

**DECISION ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS  
CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Conference of the African Union (AU) Ministers of Trade, held in Kigali, Rwanda on 1 and 2 November 2010, on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries **LDC-IV** report on the preparations for the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries (**LDC-IV**), to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 30 May to 03 June 2011;
2. **URGES** the United Nations (UN) Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands States and other **UN** agencies and development partners to ensure that preparatory activities are transparent and inclusive;
3. **CALLS ON** development partners to ensure additional predictable and untied Official Development Assistance (**ODA**) for budget support to **LDCs** in view of their limited scope for domestic resource mobilization;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts made by the Africa Groups in Geneva and New York, aimed at protecting African interests during the preparations for the **UN LDC-IV** Conference;
5. **ENCOURAGES** the African Group in Geneva and New York to continue to participate fully and actively in preparatory meetings for the **UN LDC-IV** Conference in order to achieve results which would promote Africa's development;
6. **URGES** Member States to continue to co-ordinate efforts at technical and political levels with groups and countries having similar interests, particularly the G77 and China;
7. **STRESSES** the importance of developing effective review and monitoring mechanisms for the successor programme for the Business Plan of Action as one of the major outcomes of Istanbul;
8. **FURTHER STRESSES** in line with the outcomes of the Kigali Trade Ministers Conference, the importance of development of the productive sector as key driver of enhanced inter-African trade, fuller integration into the global economy sustainable and inclusive growth and development;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, through the Executive Council, in June 2011.

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